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For: SHOCK-RESISTANT  
BACKPLANE  
UTILIZING INFRARED  
COMMUNICATION  
SCHEME WITH ELECTRICAL  
INTERFACE FOR EMBEDDED  
SYSTEMS

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to the initial Office Action mailed  
September 21, 2001.

**In the specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line <sup>4</sup>18 with the following rewritten  
paragraph:

--Referring now to the figures, initially to Fig. 1, there is shown an exploded view of an

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